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**Letter dated 29 November 2001 from the Permanent
Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed
to the President of the Security Council**

In accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, I wish on behalf of my Government to report to the Security Council on measures that the Federal Republic of Germany has initiated following the armed attacks that were carried out against the United States on 11 September 2001.

As approved by the German Federal Parliament on 16 November 2001, Germany is providing nuclear, biological and chemical (NBC) defence units, medical units, specialized units, air-transport capacities, naval forces, including navy aviation, and necessary support units. These measures are solely directed against the terrorist network of Bin Laden, Al-Qaida, and those harbouring and supporting it. The measures taken by Germany are not directed against the Afghan population or against Islam. Germany is taking these measures in exercise of the inherent right of individual and collective self-defence, in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations.

I ask that you circulate the text of the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dr. Dieter **Kastrup**
Ambassador

